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Title : Need for financial assistance for water logging area of Kendrapara Parliamentary Constituency of Orissa.

SHRIMATI ARCHANA NAYAK (KENDRAPARA): I would like to draw the attention of Hon'ble Minister of Water Resources about a serious issue of my Constituency.

Gahaga Pata is an area of 13,000 hectors of cultivable land situated in this area. Moreover, any breach in the embankments of the above two rivers also release the flood water into this area. This has become an annual feature during the Monsoon Season for the last 30 years. As a result, the fertile land has become almost uncultivable and has turned into a wasteland. Though the Beghuni drainage cut leading to the sluice gate at Naranpur is meant to drain out the accumulated water from the area, it is not effective because the water level of the rivers is higher than the water level of the flooded land. Every year the people of six Gram Panchayats in this river island lose their crops due to such flooding. As the main profession of this area is farming. The farmers are facing great distress due to the water logging.

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*The speech was laid on the Table.

I, therefore, urge upon the Minister of Water Resources to consider a special financial grant for this water logging area of my constituency to solve this problem.